

said material comprising a particulate blended with a polymer, said particulate being substantially physically immobilized by said polymer,

each of said sides having a coating of said material substantially equal in thickness and wherein the outer surface of said membrane has a porous and selectively permeable skin, and wherein less of said particulate is disposed at said outer surface than is disposed further in the interior of said membrane.

56. (Amended) A flexible, composite sheet membrane comprising:

a polymeric support, said support comprising a first side and a second side,

at least one of said first or second sides comprising a first coating of a particulate blended with a polymer, said particulate being substantially physically immobilized by said polymer, and a second coating of a hydrophilizing agent.

61. (Amended) The membrane of Claim 56 wherein the outer surface of said membrane has a porous and selectively permeable skin, and wherein less of said particulate is disposed at said outer surface than is disposed further in the interior of said membrane.